

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1218

An act relating to food safety; creating s. 500.033, F.S.; creating the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council as a forum for evaluation of food safety and food security issues; providing membership; requiring reporting of findings and recommendations; providing for review of certain data; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

500.033 Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.—

(1) There is created the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of current importance to the assurance of a safe and secure food supply to the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be limited to: the Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee; the Secretary of Health or his or her designee; the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or his or her designee; the person responsible for domestic security with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; members representing the production, processing, distribution, and sale of foods; consumers and/or members of citizens groups or food industry groups; scientists or other experts in aspects of food safety from state universities; representatives from local, state, and federal agencies that are charged with responsibilities for food safety or food security; the chairs of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives or their designees; and the chairs of the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives with jurisdictional oversight of home defense issues or their designees. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the remaining members. The council shall make periodic reports to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning findings and recommendations in the area of food safety and food security.

(2) The council shall consider the development of appropriate advice or recommendations on food safety or food security issues. In the discharge of their duties, the council members may receive for review confidential data exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, it is unlawful for any member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage or reveal the data to the general public.

Section 2. There is hereby provided for fiscal year 2003-2004 an appropriation in the expenses category the sum of \$5,000 from the Contract and Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the sum of \$5,000 from the General Inspection Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for use in payment of associated costs in the conduct of activities of the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor June 25, 2003.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 25, 2003.